Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Delight Bechen was born on June 16, 1909, to Nick and Emma Bechen; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Delight married Elwyn Pederson, and to this union six children were born: Cliff, Joann, Don, Pat, Ray, and Dianna, and their lives were further blessed with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Delight enjoyed the leisure activities of needlework, sewing, and crocheting, and gave generously of her time to care for her mother, who lived to be 103 years of age; and,

Whereas, Delight will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family gathers on June 13, 2009, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 16, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her family in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State